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Responsive to the Official Action dated September 29, 1998, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I, Claims 1-11, for examination in the above-identified application.

REMARKS

The Examiner has required restriction in the above-identified application as follows:

Group I -- Claims 1-11;

Group II -- Claims 12-25; and

Group III -- Claims 26-36.

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